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SUBJECT:UNESCO 104TH EXBD: ITEM 8.7 (104 EX/50)

1. FOLLOWING ARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR ITEM 8.7, CONSULTATION  
WITH THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ON THE CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED  
IN THE SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE  
YEAR 1978 AND THE POSSIBLE INCIDENCE ON THE SCALE OF  
UNESCO

2. U.S. POSITION

A. USDEL NEED NOT COMMENT ON THIS DOCUMENT.

B. USDEL MAY SUPPORT THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S INTENTION  
(PARAGRAPH 11) TO INSURE THAT UNESCO'S SCALES OF ASSESS-  
MENTS FOR AN ENTIRE BIENNIUM WILL BE BASED ON THE SCALE  
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ADOPTED AT THE MOST CLOSELY TIME-RELATED SESSION OF THE  
UNGA, REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF YEARS FOR WHICH THE UN  
SCALE IS ESTABLISHED.

3. DISCUSSION

A. THE UNESCO SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS IS BASED ON THAT OF

THE UNITED NATIONS, ADJUSTED FOR DIFFERENCES IN MEMBERSHIP, WHICH THE UNGA NORMALLY ADOPTS FOR A TRIENNIAL PERIOD. THE 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE IN 1976 ADOPTED ITS SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR 1977-1978 BASED ON THAT WHICH IT EXPECTED THE 31ST UNGA WOULD ADOPT FOR 1977-1979, WITH THE SAME MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM RATES. HOWEVER, THE UNGA ADOPTED A SCALE FOR 1977 ONLY, WITH A VIEW TO REVISING IT AT ITS 32ND SESSION. A NEW SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR 1978-1979 WAS ADOPTED, WITH MANY CHANGES FROM THAT OF 1977, MOST NOTABLY REDUCING THE MINIMUM SCALE TO .01 PERCENT. THE 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE WILL DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO ADJUST UNESCO'S PRESENT SCALE FOR 1978 IN LIGHT OF THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE UNGA.

B. THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE UNGA DID NOT AFFECT THE U.S. SCALE OF ASSESSMENT (25 PERCENT), AND THE CHANGES TO UNESCO'S SCALE THAT MIGHT BE DECIDED UPON BY THE 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE WILL, SIMILARLY, NOT AFFECT THIS COUNTRY. VANCE

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